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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: HA - Mr. Levitsky

FROM: HA/HR - Miss Tull

SUBJECT: Your Meeting With the Abuelas Plaza de Mayo on
November 15, 1982 at 3:00 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS

In addition to the two Argentine ladies, Mrs. Mariani and Mrs. Caroloti, a representative of either WOLA or the Washington Committee on Solidarity for Argentina will accompany them as a translator. Bob Snyder and I will sit in for HA/HR.

BACKGROUND

Our public position, as stated in press guidance, is that the matter of the "disappeared" in Argentina is a very tragic one. We have consistently encouraged Argentine authorities to make available whatever information they may have to the families of the missing people. It is an issue which the Argentines themselves must resolve. Recently, the Italians, and to a lesser extent, the Germans and the Spanish, have been pressing the Argentines on this question (attachment 3).

TALKING POINTS

- I want to express to you my own feelings of sympathy for the suffering you and many other mothers and grandmothers, who have lost loved ones, have experienced in Argentina.
- You may be assured that the Department of State has encouraged the Argentine authorities to make available whatever information they may have to the families of the missing people. We have done it quietly, but we have done it consistently.

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- We are hopeful that a resolution to the problem of the "disappeared" will be found as Argentina returns to democratic government.
- We in the Department of State are encouraged that the Argentine Government is committed to return the country to democratic government by early 1984. A democratic government, representative of the majority of the people, is the best guarantee that people's rights will be respected and that events, such as have occurred in Argentina, will not take place in the future.

Attachments:

1. Buenos Aires 5763 of Oct. 7, 1982 - Human Rights March Occurs Peacefully Defying GOA Ban.
2. Buenos Aires 5921 of Oct. 18, 1982 - A Politician's View of the Transition Process and Other Subjects.
3. Buenos Aires 6387 of Nov. 8, 1982 - More Controversy About Disappearances.
4. Buenos Aires 6152 of Oct. 27, 1982 - Human Rights Organizations Allege Existence of Cemeteries Containing Bodies of Disappeared.
5. Buenos Aires 6275 of Nov. 2, 1982 - PEN Prisoners and the Disappeared.

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